



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Claussen et al. § Group Art Unit: 2176
Serial No.: 09/409,598 §
Filed: 09/30/1999 § Examiner: Bieneman, C.
For: Extensible Markup §
Language (XML) Server Pages §
Having Custom Document Object §
Model (DOM) Tags §

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

To the Commissioner for Patents:

Christopher Shane Claussen declares as follows:

1. I am an applicant for the patent application entitled "Extensible Markup Language (XML) Server Pages Having Custom Document Object Model (DOM) Tags", U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/409,598, filed September 30, 1999, and an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.

2. Prior to July 1, 1999, I completed and reduced to practice, in the United States of America, the invention described and claimed in the above-noted application, as evidenced by the following:

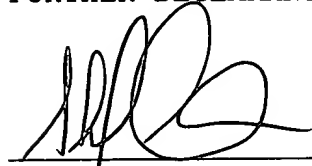
(a) I was named as an inventor on IBM Invention Disclosure Form AUS8-1999-0688, a document of which a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which describes the invention that is described and claimed in the subject application.

3. Each of the dates deleted from Exhibit "A" is prior to July 1, 1999.

4. I am named on page xviii (the "Acknowledgements" page) of the "JavaServer Pages™ Specification" Version 1.1 - Public Release", Sun Microsystems, Inc., 08/18/1999, as having contributed to the JSP 1.1. specification.

5. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful and false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under § 1001 of Title 18 of United States Code and that such willful and false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above-referenced application and any patent issuing therefrom.

FURTHER DECLARANT SAYETH NOT.



Christopher Shane Claussen

Date:

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